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SUBJ: MARIO MURTEIRA INTERVIEW

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1. IN APRIL 30 O SEculo INTERVIEW, PLANNING AND ECONOMIC  
COORDINATION MINISTER MARIO MURTEIRA MADE FOLLOWING OBSERVATIONS:

A. ELECTION - INTERNAL EFFECTS: ELECTION WILL HAVE  
ABSOLUTELY NO EFFECT ON REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL-ORIENTED  
ECONOMIC POLICY. ADHERENCE TO COUNCIL'S GUIDELINES WILL  
BE TEST OF INTENTIONS OF COALITION PARTIES. IT REMAINS TO  
BE SEEN IF ELECTION RESULTS ARE UNDERSTOOD AND IMPLEMENTED  
BY COALITION PARTIES (ESPECIALLY PS, WHICH RECEIVED SUPPORT

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EXPLICITLY FOR A LEFTIST POLICY) AS EXPRESS DESIRE FOR ADHESION

TO SOCIALIST PATH.

B. ELECTION - EXTERNAL EFFECTS: SIMPLE FACT THAT ELECTIONS WERE HELD WILL ENABLE US TO SHORTLY CLARIFY AND DEFINE STRATEGY OF INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC RELATIONS, NAMELY CONCERNING POSSIBLE UN OR EC ASSISTANCE. THERE HAS BEEN SERIES OF HESITATIONS, DOUBTS, AND DELIBERATE CAMPAIGNS OF SABOTAGE AT INTERNATIONAL LEVEL.

C. NO SOCIAL DEMOCRACY: SOCIAL DEMOCRACY (I.E., ON SWEDISH MODEL) IS IMPRACTICAL SYSTEM FOR PORTUGAL, AND COUNTRY CANNOT FUNDAMENTALLY RELY ON ASSISTANCE OR COOPERATION WITH SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC CAPITALIST COUNTRIES.

D. AUSTERITY: GOVERNMENT CAN ONLY PERSUADE HIGHER-PAID WORKERS TO LIMIT THEIR DEMANDS IF IT DEMANDS PROPORTIONALLY MUCH GREATER SACRIFICES FROM MORE FAVORED CLASSES, ESPECIALLY THOSE LIVING FROM NON-WAGE INCOMES. AUSTERITY PROGRAM TO BE SHORTLY ANNOUNCED WILL HELP MAINTAIN RESERVES, AND THEREFORE STRONG NEGOTIATING POSITION TO MAINTAIN INDEPENDENCE.

E. WORKER "CONTROL": IN NATIONALIZED FIRMS, MANY QUESTIONS OF DEFINING NEW WAGE SCALES AND CRITERIA FOR ACTIONS HAVE TO BE RESOLVED, AS WELL AS RESTRUCTURING OF CONTROLLING GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATIONS. STILL TO BE DEFINED ARE INSTITUTIONALIZED SCHEMES FOR DECISIVE WORKER ROLE IN "CONTROL" OF PRODUCTION IN NATIONALIZED COMPANIES AND THOSE COMPANIES IN WHICH STATE, "BY ONE FORM OR OTHER," EXERCISES CONTROL OF PRODUCTIVE UNIT.

F. PERSONALLY NON-PARTY: FACT THAT I DO NOT BELONG TO ANY PARTY DOES NOT IN ANY WAY MEAN THAT I AM APOLITICAL AND NOT DEEPLY COMMITTED TO A POLITICAL LINE--THAT DEFINED BY THE "PRIMARY REVOLUTIONARY AGENT." MY INDEPENDENCE FROM COALITION PARTIES ENABLES ME TO SEE WITH GREATER OBJECTIVITY "THE TRU NATIONAL INTEREST."

2. COMMENT: MURTEIRA'S COMMENT IN PARAGRAPH 1A IS HARDLY VEILED CHARGE THAT SOCIALISTS ARE ONLY PRETENDING TO BE "LEFTIST," AND THAT ANY DEVIATION FROM OR CRITICISM OF THE "REVOLUTIONARY" LINE WILL EXPOSE THEIR TRUE COLORS.  
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